

WILSON ABANDONS CURRENCY BATTLE

Will Consent to Adjournment of Special Session Without Action.

LEGISLATION MUST WAIT UNTIL WINTER

Each Faction of Senate Committee Expected to Report Its Bill Thursday.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Nov. 17.—The fight of the administration for currency legislation at the present session of Congress was abandoned today, and the impatient Democrats, who have remained at the capital in compliance with the mandate of the President ever since the enactment of the tariff law, began making preparations to go home.

Senator Owen, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, who was at the White House last night, intimated today that the President would no longer oppose adjournment, and the plan of bringing the labors of the session to a close next Saturday found many supporters. Senators and Representatives are not only impatient to get away, but they are eager to reap the benefit of the ample mileage allowance by the government.

The report brought to the Senate by Senator Owen that the President had abandoned all hope of accomplishing anything in the way of currency legislation at the present session, despite his oft-repeated optimistic predictions, bears out the prediction made in The Tribune dispatches of October 10 that the plan of using the "master's rod" to force a currency bill through Congress during the special session was doomed to failure. With the probability that the administration bill will now be made a party measure and that the caucus rule will be invoked to put it through the Senate, it is doubtful that the measure can be passed before next year, possibly not until the latter part of January or the early part of February.

Leaders Reluctant to Adjourn.

Democratic leaders in the Senate are reluctant to yield to the demand for adjournment. They fear that adjournment now would be interpreted as a grab for spoils, the time intervening between next Saturday and the beginning of the regular session being so short that some legislators would find it impossible and others of little advantage to go home and return. There are, however, some who are impatient to go home, whether they receive the allowance of 20 cents a mile for their trouble or not.

The currency bill will appear in the Senate under the most unfavorable circumstances, according to the situation today. It seems improbable that the two factions of the Banking and Currency Committee will try to formulate an agreement on any parts of the bill. A disagreement will be reported to the Senate on Thursday, and two separate bills will be brought in. With the committee deadlocked, a motion will probably be made to discharge it from further consideration of the measure, and the Senate itself will take up the task of revising the bill. The Democrats will probably hold a "conference" or caucus, the latter part of the week to determine on a course of action. A caucus of the Republicans also may be called.

Republicans Increase Reserve.

The Republican faction of the committee continued its labors today and will have its bill ready for submission to the full committee on Wednesday. They increased the gold reserve to be held against the new currency to 45 per cent, and provided that when the reserve fell below that point it should be taxed on a graduated scale down to the minimum of 20 per cent.

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Gov. O'Neal of Alabama Names F. P. Glass for U. S. Senator

Question of His Authority to Fill Vacancy Again Raised by Action.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 17.—Frank P. Glass, editor of "The Birmingham News" and president of "The Montgomery Advertiser," was appointed United States Senator by Governor O'Neal today to succeed the late Joseph F. Johnston. The term expires on March 3, 1915.

Mr. Glass is a native of Alabama and an alumnus of Princeton. He founded "The Blade" in Bibb County in 1880, a year later bought "The Selma Daily Times," and in 1886 acquired a half interest in "The Montgomery Advertiser." He became editor of "The Birmingham News" two years ago. Mr. Glass is fifty-five years old.

Governor O'Neal appointed Representative Henry D. Clayton to fill the unexpected term, but before the United States Senate could pass upon the nomination, a question having been raised as to the Governor's authority since ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment, Mr. Clayton declined the appointment.

In his statement Governor O'Neal refers to Mr. Glass as a brilliant editor and says he "is in full accord and sympathy with the wise and progressive policies of the President, and whose personal friendship and confidence he enjoys." Mr. O'Neal says his legal adviser has prepared a brief, answering arguments against the Governor's power to appoint, and which in the Governor's judgment is "convincing and conclusive."

Washington, Nov. 17.—The appointment of Mr. Glass revives the situation that existed when the Senate declined to act on Governor O'Neal's appointment of Representative Clayton, but referred it to the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections, where some Senators con-

tinued scale down to the minimum of 20 per cent.

The bond refunding section was completely changed. As amended it would provide that each regional bank should each year invest 50 per cent of its available capital in the 2 per cent bonds at par, which are the basis of the present bank notes. The regional banks would then be allowed to exchange the 2 per cent bonds for 3 per cent one-year government notes, agreeing to renew the notes for twenty years. These notes would be available for use in foreign markets to secure gold to maintain the reserve.

The six administration Democrats reopened their deliberations to consider the advisability of altering the provision in the Glass-Owen bill for shifting the reserves of the country from the present depositaries to the new regional reserve banks. It has been suggested that the provision might make too great a demand on the banking resources of the country and result in the calling of loans and consequent stringency. The Democrats reached no definite agreement, but Chairman Owen agreed to tabulate the figures available on the subject and present them to the committee to-morrow.

WILSON NAMES WITTPEN

Ex-Mayor of Jersey City To Be Naval Officer Here.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Nov. 17.—H. Otto Wittpen, ex-Mayor of Jersey City, a candidate for Governor in the New Jersey primaries against Governor Fielder and later his ardent supporter, was nominated today for naval officer at the New York Customs House.

President Wilson issued a statement pointing out that as several committees of New Jersey had been made part of the New York customs district in the recent reorganization it was appropriate that New Jersey should be represented.

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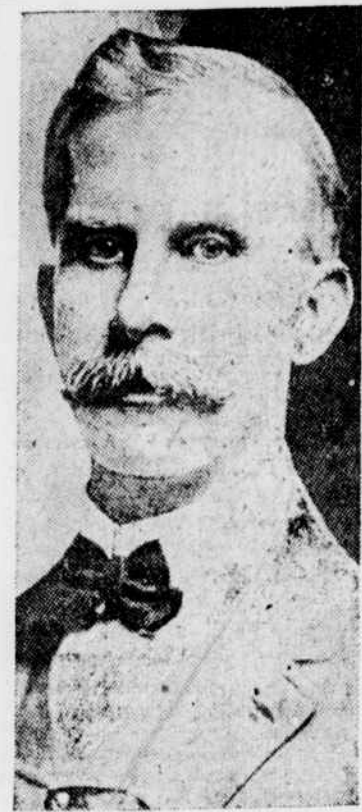
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tended a Governor could not appoint a Senator without authority from the Legislature.

The committee had not decided the question when it was taken from its hands by the resignation of Mr. Clayton. Mr. Glass took part in the Washington conference between Alabama leaders and President Wilson just prior to the retirement of Representative Clayton as an aspirant.

STANDARD OIL STOCKS RISE

Extra Ohio Dividend Sends Prices Up.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

The market for former subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Company was given another stimulus yesterday by the announcement that the Ohio Oil Company, besides declaring its regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share, also sanctioned an extra distribution of \$0.75 a share. The dividend is payable December 20. Brokers specializing in these securities had expected an extra distribution of some kind by the Ohio company, but were not sure of the amount, as the last previous extra dividend amounted to only 75 cents.

Dividends for 1913 by the Ohio company amounted to 57 per cent, as compared with 20 per cent in 1912 on the \$15,000,000 capital stock. The par value of shares is \$5, but the market value closed above 140 yesterday, having risen several points from Saturday's closing. Speaking on the general outlook for Standard Oil securities and Ohio Oil Company, particularly, Carl H. Forzheimer, a broker, says: "We had expected this dividend for some time, and we were not surprised at the announcement. The Ohio Oil Company is one of the strong subsidiaries which has a large surplus, and we think that some time in the near future this will be capitalized, at which time there will probably be a stock distribution. Yesterday was a very active day for all Standard Oil securities, but the fact that the stocks are investment issues makes them especially attractive and insures continued interest, although necessarily there will be periods of marked inactivity, and general trend, I believe, will be toward improvement."

ASSETS CO. STOCK SLUMPS

Officials' Connection with U. S. Metal Products Blamed.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

A decline yesterday of 20 points in the stock of the Assets Realization Company to 40, which is 80 points under the high price of the year, aroused much speculation in Wall Street as to the reason for such a heavy loss. Officials of the company had no explanation to offer, but in other quarters it was pointed out that several of the officers and directors are connected officially with the United States Metal Products Company, on which an attachment has been levied by the Chase National Bank.

Clayton E. Bailey, president of the Products company, and Frank E. Flinn, its vice-president, said that the writ was the result of a misunderstanding and that the matter would soon be straightened out. At the Chase National Bank it was said that the writ was levied to collect on notes of the company, but that the company's solvency was not questioned.

WEATHER INQUIRY AFTER 277 PERISH

Bureau Lax in Warnings Against Great Lakes Storm, It Is Charged.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Nov. 17.—A thorough investigation of the precautions taken by the Weather Bureau to warn the Great Lakes region of the terrific storm which caused a loss of 277 lives on November 9 was undertaken today by the Secretary of Agriculture, after the President had referred to Secretary Houston a telegram from Representative William Gordon, of Ohio, urging that an inquiry be instituted.

Secretary Houston and Professor Charles F. Marvin, chief of the Weather Bureau, conferred regarding the allegations that the bureau had been lax in sending out the proper warnings, and it was decided to ask for individual reports from all the heads of the stations on the Great Lakes.

Professor Marvin takes the position that the Weather Bureau ordered ample signals. He declares that while "hurricane signals" may have been used in forecasting severe storms on the Great Lakes heretofore, such warnings were due to a misconception of the government regulations, as there is a vast difference between a "hurricane" and a "storm" on the Great Lakes.

White Rats to Give Benefit

A charity benefit for the Catholic Chapel connected with the Metropolitan Hospital will be held Thursday night in Terrace Garden. The White Rats will give a performance, which will be followed by dancing.

United Cigar Inquiry Asked

Washington, Nov. 17.—Investigation of the United Cigar Stores Company by the House Judiciary Committee was asked today by Representative Reilly, of Connecticut, in a resolution seeking information whether the company does business in violation of the anti-trust law.

BUSINESS IN HOUSE ENDED FOR SESSION

Representative Mann Calls Off Long Filibuster and Body Adjourns.

HAS MADE VALUABLE CAMPAIGN MATERIAL

Will Charge Democrats Failed to Maintain Quorum and Neglected Their Duties.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Nov. 17.—The House had been in session only ten minutes today when Representative "Ben" Johnson, a Kentucky Democrat, asked unanimous consent to take a three-day adjournment. Anxious members looked toward Representative Mann, the minority leader, who has stood in the way heretofore of such agreements. The minority leader said not a word, and everybody knew that Mr. Mann, having accomplished his purpose, had called off the minority filibuster.

For more than six weeks Mr. Mann has been engaged in a bit of strategy in the House. He determined that so long as a Democratic President insisted upon keeping Congress in session the members of the majority should either be on hand to attend to business or be noted officially as "absent." Consequently, the minority leader has forced rollcalls on routine adjournment motions and has refused to grant consent to three-day adjournments, which are customary when either body is marking time.

With the regular session only two weeks away, the minority leader will not now stand in the way of members who want to go home, but who do not want "The Record" to show their absence. The minority leader is fairly well satisfied with the absence list as it stands to date, and Democrats will hear from it in the approaching campaigns.

Since the passage of the currency bill the attendance in the House has been exceedingly low. From 80 to 100 of the 430 members have answered to their names from day to day, as the Republicans slipped away to their homes, only to be driven back by adverse criticism or by the fear of losing out next year when the opposition reads off the names of absentees. As one member would return another would go away, and for weeks legislators have played a game of hide-and-seek with the sergeant at arms and the roll clerk.

Through a system of daily rollcalls Mr. Mann has manufactured valuable campaign material for the Republican party next year. He believes he is in a position to claim that the majority failed to keep a quorum in the House, although the President insisted that Congress was "in session." Mr. Mann will also show that several months have been wasted by House committees which might have been at work during the entire summer and fall. Under the Democratic caucus mandate, however, these committees were forbidden to consider and report bills, and the waste of time in the lower body is unprecedented.

CHINESE SHUT UP STORES IN PANAMA

Protest Against Government's Enforcement of New Registration Law.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Panama, Nov. 17.—The Chinese question assumed a serious turn in the republic of Panama today, when all the Chinese merchants, wholesale and retail, in this city, in Colon and at points in the interior, numbering 1,500 or more, acting according to a pre-arranged plan, closed their places of business after posting notices stating that the doors had been shut for the purpose of taking an inventory.

This was the first time the local Chinese have ever closed their places of business for such a purpose, and in view of the fact that their laundries and market stalls also were closed their act is regarded as an effort to compel the Panama government to recede from its announced programme relative to the enforcement of the new registration law, which compels Chinese residents to take out new certificates of registration on payment of a fee or render themselves liable to deportation.

The shutting of the small stores has entailed considerable hardship on the poorer classes of citizens, to whom the Chinese sell butter, lard, rice and other articles in small quantities, valued as low as 25 cents a trade the native merchant does not care to handle. Much annoyance also has been caused by the non-delivery of clean linen. In such cases, however, if the laundries are not reopened within a reasonable time the police have been authorized to take action.

The Panama government today announced its decision to stand firm, and orders were issued to all provincial governors to proceed with the arrest of Chinese not complying with the registration law before the expiration of the present ten-day period of grace, which ends on November 25.

CHARGE ELECTION FRAUDS

Defeat of Sydney Fisher Causes Stir in Canada.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]

Montreal, Nov. 17.—The defeat of Sydney Fisher, ex-Minister of Agriculture in the late Liberal government and a warm advocate of reciprocity, has caused a stir in Canada. Mr. Fisher, defeated in his own county, sought a seat in Chateaugay County when James Morris, a local man, was beaten by the Liberals raised cries of indignation, and for weeks they have been filing petitions of protest at Valleyfield before four well known electors. They charge numerous forms of corrupt practices.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Liberal leader, believes that on the success of the Liberal protest on this constituency will be founded a revolt against the Conservatives which will land the Liberals back in power on a cry of cleaner politics.

Cost of Education Takes Jump

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 17.—At the meeting of the Yale corporation today it was voted to increase the tuition charges in the college, Sheffield Scientific School and Graduate School, the changes to go into effect next year. The largest increase is \$20 a year in the Scientific School. A gift of \$50,000 from Charles H. Pine, of Ansonia, Conn., for scholarships was announced.

NO EXCLUSION OF ULSTER

This Is the Slogan of Both Parties in England.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Nov. 18.—The keenest interest has been excited throughout Ireland by a forecast of the government's new proposals which appeared yesterday. Both parties, it seems, are ready for strong objections to the temporary exclusion of Ulster from the operation of the Home Rule bill.

The unity of Ireland is not merely a convention but a principle for all Irish Nationalists. They would feel no enthusiasm for an Irish Parliament without the inclusion of Ulster from the outset. Moreover, John Redmond's prestige has been impaired by a new labor movement. He would make many new enemies and stimulate many old ones if he agreed even to a temporary diminution of his party's historic claim.